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The USSR Ministry of Foreign Trade has offered several shipbuilding contracts to the West. The following are the types of vessels the Soviets want, and they have been given the following priority:

- a. Fishing factories and other fishing craft. This is to increase consumer goods and thus raise the standard of living.
- b. Cargo vessels. They are to be between 8,000 and 10,000 tons and have a speed of 16 to 17 knots. These vessels are to be used in foreign trade.
- c. One 30,000-ton whaling factory and 15 whaling catchers.

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